GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:30
ANSWERED ON:13.08.2007
BIDDING PROCESS FOR IMPORT OF WHEAT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had invited tenders from international wheat suppliers for importing wheat during the current year;

(b) if so, the total number of bids received alongwith the details of the agencies which had submitted the said bids;

(c) the lowest and the highest prices quoted in the bids received by the Government;

(d) the reasons for wide variations in the bid prices;

(e) the final prices and quantum of wheat along with the agencies through which it was approved for import;

(f) the current status of the said bidding process;

(g) whether the Government later procured wheat at prices higher than the bid price; and

(h) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) & (h): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (h) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 30 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 13.08.2007 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): Yes, Sir. Two tenders were invited for purchase of one million tons each of wheat.

(b)&(c): In the first tender dated 30.4.2007, a total number of 7 bids were received from the following bidders with prices ranging from US $ 265.50 per ton C&F (FO) to US $ 302 per ton C&F (FO).

1. Cargill International S.A., Switzerland
2. Rias Trading S.A., Switzerland
3. Toepfer International - Asia Pte. Ltd., Singapore
4. Concordia Agritrading Pte. Ltd., Singapore
5. Adani Global Pte. Ltd., Singapore
6. Glencore Grain B.V., Rotterdam
7. Archer Daniels Midland (ADM), USA

In the second tender dated 26.6.2007, a total number of 7 bids were received from the following bidders with prices ranging from US $ 317.95 per ton C&F (FO) to US $ 370 per ton C&F (FO).

1. Cargill International S.A., Switzerland
2. Rias Trading S.A., Switzerland
3. Toepfer International - Asia Pte. Ltd., Singapore
4. Concordia Agritrading Pte. Ltd., Singapore
5. Agrilink Asia Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai
6. Glencore Grain B.V., Rotterdam
7. Louis Dreyfus Commodities S.A.

(d): The bid prices quoted depend upon demand and supply position of the commodity, origin of wheat, arrival period, discharge ports, freight and other commercial considerations.

(e): The imports are done through State Trading Corporation of India. The final prices and quantum of wheat which were approved for

import are as follows:

Name of Supplier	Quantity (+/-5%)	Price (US $ Per Ton C&F(FO)
TOEPFER International, Asia, Singapore	1.28	317.95
CARGILL International, S.A., Singapore	0.65	324.10
CARGILL International, S.A., Singapore	0.65	327.10
TOEPFER International, Asia, Singapore	1.28	328.95
RIAS Trading S.A., Switzerland	1.25	329.95
Grand Total	5.11	

Weighted Average Price is US $ 325.59 per ton C&F (FO)

(f): Orders have been placed for import of 5.11 lakh tons of wheat for delivery during September-November, 2007.

(g): No, Sir.

(h): Does not arise.